

NE VALLEY COALITION AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE

May 25, 2006 Meeting Summary

I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Brent Stockwell welcomed the group and gave an overview of the anti-meth initiative. Participants introduced themselves and identified which sector of the community they represented. Twenty-eight participants attended from the following sectors: Executive/elected officials (5), enforcement (4), prevention (11), faith-based (1), parent (1), treatment (4), first responders (2). A school representative came later in the meeting.

II. What Is Our Shared Vision?

Participants worked in small groups to create possible vision statements. The vision describes the ideal state of the community with regard to methamphetamine. It should be relatively short, focused and inspirational. The vision does not speak to how the coalition will accomplish the desired state.

Participants came up with the following options to consider at the next meeting:

- A meth free community.
- Establish a meth-free quality of life in our community.
- A meth-free community alive with spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.
- Inspire the community to work together to eliminate meth use.
- Make our community safe by working to eliminate meth.
- A community safe from meth.
- Creating a culture of hope to fight the dangerous effects of meth.
- Working together for a meth free community.
- Ending the destructive influence of meth.
- Freedom from meth.

The options will be available at the website:

www.scottsdaleaz.gov/safety/drugs.

Participants are invited to review the proposed options and suggest new options for consideration at the next meeting.

III. What Is Our Mission?

Participants worked in small groups to create a mission statement that describes what the coalition does, for whom, to what end and how.

The group adopted the following mission statement:

The NE Valley Coalition Against Methamphetamine will empower and engage the community to become meth-free through education, awareness, and by providing access to resources.

IV. Community Discussions

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

V. How Shall We Organize Ourselves?

The coalition began discussing options for organizing and operating as a coalition. This discussion will continue at the June meeting. Decisions must be made about the following issues:

1. How should we structure ourselves?
 - Steering committee and subcommittees.
 - What subcommittees are needed?
2. Who should be on the steering committee?
 - Reps from each partner community?
 - Reps from each subcommittee?
 - Rep from each community sector?
 - Other options?
3. What is the role of the steering committee? The subcommittees?
The full coalition?
4. How will decisions be made in the steering committee? The subcommittees? The full coalition?
5. How often will the steering committee meet? The subcommittees?
The full coalition?
6. What will be the relationship between the steering committee, the subcommittees, and the full coalition?

7. What will be the communication process for the coalition? Steering committee? Subcommittees?
 - Meeting notices?
 - Meeting agendas?
 - Meeting minutes?
 - Media releases?
8. How will the coalition sustain itself? What is needed to keep the coalition going?

The discussion will be continued at the next meeting. The group was asked to think about the answers to the questions above before the next meeting.

VI. Building the Coalition

The facilitator explained the purpose of the group. An email will be sent to interested parties to participate on an ad hoc committee to look at coalition membership.

Adjourn – Next Meeting – Thursday, June 22, 2006 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
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